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IN RESPONSE TO MY NOTE CONFIRMING REQUEST THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS FOR USE HAITIAN PORTS AND AIRFIELDS BY MILITARY UNITS OF MEMBERS OAS PARTICIPATING IN QUARANTINE ACTIVITIES, DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS REPLIED EXTENDING SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO 16 NAME LA COUNTRIES. CONSPICUOUSLY OMITTED ARE VENEZUELA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

ALTHOUGH NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM MILITARY MESSAGES THAT REQUEST FOR HAITIAN FACILITIES WAS LIMITED TO UNITS THOSE OAS MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO PROVIDE MILITARY UNITS OR FACILITIES TO ASSIST QUARANTINE ACTION AND NOT FOR ALL OAS MEMBERS. CAN DEPARTMENT SUPPLY CURRENT LIST THOSE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING?

IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE CAN REPLY THIS HAITIAN NOTE SUGGESTING IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE INFORM SECRETARIAT OAS THIS DECISION OF GCH.

SINCE OAS UNITS UNDER US COMMAND WE COULD ALSO REPLY TO GCH INDICATING THAT THEIR OFFER, WHILE APPRECIATED, IS NOT OPERATIONALLY USEFUL UNLESS IT SPECIFICALLY COVERS ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

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